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IT'S STILL TIME !

SEND IN YOUR
REGISTRATION TODAY
FOR THE 2003 NATIONAL
CONFERENCE IN
COLUMBUS OHIO

If you have misplaced your registration form, or didn't receive one in the mail go to our website at www.palam.org and print the form for mailing. Ohio Chapter has made it easy to register by offering payment using your credit card account

We wouldn't want you to miss any of the exciting activities planned for the three days in June. The speakers will be outstanding giving new ideas and hints on where to do your research. Alternative activities are also planned for those who want to get their exercise while researching.

There are still some spaces available for private consultations with Roger Minert, but you must get your registrations in now.

Come on help us celebrate Ohio's 200 years of statehood.

Election! Election! Election!

Now is the time for all good persons wishing to run for 2003-2004 office to get in touch with the nominating committee by May 29, 2003. Marian Dietrich, mynnch@prodigy.net Loren Magee. or chairman. which will be held at the general conference in June.

Presidents Message

I will conclude my second year as your chapter president during the annual meeting as we host the national conference this June. It seems like so long ago and yet just recently that I became an active member in the affairs of the chapter. It has been an enriching experience and I have made many new friends and acquaintances. I encourage any of you who have a desire to serve to join in with this selfless group of dedicated volunteers. You will enhance the quality of your association with the chapter as you participate more fully in its affairs.

It is with a sense of accomplishment that I look back over the past few years. We have sponsored excellent conferences and educational seminars and heard some great speakers. We have moved our events around the state to give more members an opportunity to participate in these proceedings. This fall we will be in Van Wert in the northwestern quadrant of Ohio.

Our chapter continues to become more financially sound and there is a firm basis established to carry on as one of the premier societies engaged in genealogical research. This has been accomplished through your support and the efforts of our volunteers. It was began years ago here in Ohio as a small group of German descendants had a vision that has grown into what we enjoy today. It is our commission to continue their work.

Please join -us in Columbus this 19 - 21 of June. There is more about that elsewhere in these pages. The committee has arranged a top-flight program in a first class facility. We hope to see you there.

Jerry Miller

CELEBRATING OHIO
BICENTENNIAL



Willkommen

The following new members have been added to the Ohio Chapter Membership roster:

CALIFORNIA

Adams, Joseph H.....Apple Valley
Partlow, Jean Hutson.....Cedars Pines Park

COLORADO

Coleman, Florence H.....Wheat Ridge

FLORIDA

Lamca, Franklin E.Royal Palm Beach

IOWA

Mitschelen, CeliaWinterset

ILLINOIS

Robinson, Jane E.....Silvis

INDIANA

Obermeyer, Boyd D.....Carmel

Obermeyer, DeanneCarmel

Oetting, Fredia R.....Wakarusa

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Joy, Mary L.....Charlotte

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Crum, Alice K.....Bucyrus

Fields, RobinColumbus

Kirby, DianaWesterville

Larsen, SueColumbus

Mickley, CarolMarysville

Moore, DickGahanna

TEXAS

Adams, Mrs. Mary JaneFredericksburg

W VIRGINIA

Davis, Elizabeth K.Bridgeport

Ohio Chapter Membership Roster
15 Life Members
768 members
Total members 783
Jean Hall Registrar

Genealogy Puzzle

Using the definition at right in the correct word
The letter [] will solve the puzzle.

[] _ _ _ _ _ 1. There are many reasons why _ _ are missing from the census.

_ _ _ _ [] _ _ 2. An item you should take to the _ is a pencil.

_ _ [] _ _ _ 3. Language spoken before _ _ to the US is a help in locating ancestors.

_ _ _ [] _ _ _ _ 4. We need to be aware of spelling _ .

_ _ _ [] _ _ _ _ 5. Census groups is grouped into lines and _ .

_ _ _ [] 6. _ all information down exactly.

_ _ _ _ _ [] 7. Be sure to write down the location of your _ .

_ _ [] _ _ . 8. It's time to _ that book.

_ _ _ _ [] _ _ _ _ 9. Finding _ can be a fun.

_ _ [] _ 10. Remember to write the _ and where you found it.

_ _ [] _ _ _ 11. _ can be a priceless gem.

[] _ _ _ _ _ 12. Palatine to America can make _ easier.

_ _ _ _ [] 13. One picture can tell a _ .

[] _ _ _ _ [] _ _ _ _ _

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Members of Palatines to America are eligible for the following FGS benefit.

"Have you ever wondered how to find your immigrant ancestors when you know neither a place of residence nor an exact name? With the World Immigration Series CDs you can now easily narrow your search in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census. Search for your immigrant ancestors British, Canadian, Irish, German, Scandinavian, European, African American, Mexican, Latin American, Asian, Australian, Middle Eastern, or African.

For FGS member societies and for the individual members of your society, *Genealogy.com*, producers of the award-winning Family Tree Maker software, is offering an exclusive, limited-time 20% discount on all World Immigration Census CDs.

To access your special FGS members only offer, please visit <http://www.genealogy.com/FGS>, or call 1-800-548-1806 and mention code 9020302

New on the Internet

We can now use the Internet to check more than 50 million historical records at the National Archives, from Civil War battles to family immigration files.

Before the system became available, people had to either visit the Archives and spend hours combing through documents or request the files by phone and pay to have them mailed. "Now, people can pull these electronic records at their own convenience," said Michael Carlson, electronic and special media records director for the archives. "It's totally self-service from your desktop." The records available on the database system represent a small fraction of the archive's electronic holdings. They were selected because of their analytical and statistical nature - most deal with information that easily can be looked up based on specific names, dates, organizations, cities or states. For instance, someone wanting to research a great-grandfather who immigrated to the United States in the 19th century can choose the series of records listed under "immigrants," enter the relative's name and learn on what ship he traveled, the occupation he claimed prior to leaving, the date he arrived in New York, and the country from which he left, among other details.

"It can be another stop in creating your family tree and understanding what happened and when. He expects the service will be popular with veterans in particular because of all the information related to military action, casualties and POWs. The records in the new system aren't a revelation in information, but is it helpful? Absolutely," said American Legion spokesman J. Peterson after

checking out the Web site. "A lot of people active with the POW/MIA issue complain the government doesn't release enough documents about people who are still missing, so almost anything they give out is good in our eyes," he said. Kristine Minami, a spokeswoman for the Japanese American Citizens League, said getting easy access to government records will provide "a lot of validation" to Japanese Americans who were sent to internment camps during World War II. The database draws from the records of 20 federal agencies. Most of the information was created by the agencies to suit their own program needs, without any thought to its historical significance. Because of that, some records have typographical errors like misspelled names or an inaccurate dates. National Archives officials did not correct any of the information to preserve the records' integrity. Shirley Langdon Wilcox, former president of the National Genealogical Society, called the new system an "extremely useful and exciting" tool. "This certainly gives you enough of an idea of what might be available to you so you know what to weed out before taking a trip somewhere," she said. "Anytime you have a tool that can make yourself better prepared before you go to the Archives or library, it's worthwhile. You don't end up wasting an hour or two looking at whether they have something, because you've done your homework.

On The Net: National Archives' Access to Archives Databases:

<http://www.archives.gov/aad/>

A Signature Tells All

Did you ever think that an old copy of handwriting could be used in your genealogy research? If you are trying to find more information on an ancestor for that book your writing. Or, you just want to find out about their personality traits. Why not try this method.

Using that signature, you could find out their emotional makeup, if feelings would influence their decisions, their ability to concentrate, or whether they were independent. Were they sensitive to criticism. were they argumentative or a person who wanted always to have that last word on a subject. Were they a leader or a follower and much more etc. In all, a handwriting analysis can give you a lot of material when writing about those elusive ancestors.

Some websites where more information is available.

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The French Quartering Around the Area of Hagen

A story from the Book Chronik und
Heimatbuch

Hagen am Teutonburger Wald

Nestled in the hills around the Teutoburger Forest was the little town of Hagen. It is located about 15 km south and west of Osnabrück, in the Kingdom of Hanover. On 14 June 1803 a detachment of seventy-two French horsemen occupied the town. The horseman like horses were to be accommodated. In a report it is expressly mentioned that each detachment not only receive all necessary food but that all households must abide with this demand. It was also demanded that the horses be given shelter with hay and oats. On 8 July 1803 a third military detachment arrived, two battalions of Napoleon's Army. This degree was handed down to the townsfolk for the required food for the first fifteen days. Bread and meat was to be taken from the town stores. It also required that money be given in payment to the quarters-tax. This injustice afflicted by the heavy amount of foodstuffs and money required in which everyone payed according to their occupation or class in the community.

A homogenous group headed by Pastor Kruse, and Gut Altenhagen conversed jointly with one Captain Kaufmann Meyer, Gut Kollage and a Lieutenant Müller Gretzmann. This group unsuccessfully tried to alleviate the heavy tax required by the French. By the end of the quarters-tax in 1810 after the defeat of Napoleon, the detachments left the area. The collection of the quarters-tax had caused great difficulty and general poverty followed.

Here is a list of households that paid quarters-tax on their occupation or their homesite:

Altenhof
Baumann
Beckmann
Bennigsmann
Berelsmann
Birkemeyer, Große Heide
Buker
Dillmann
Dransmann
Eichmeyer
Elixmann
Eversmann, Altenhagen
Fluchtmann

Franxmann
Frommeyer, Beckerode
Gausmann
Gehle
Grimmelsmann
Glassmeyer
Gretzmann
Grimmelsmann
Höckerschmidt
Hork
Hoffmann

Hülsmann
Kampmeyer
Kasselmann
Kniepmeyer
Konersmann
Kriege
Krützmänn
Kruse
Lagemann
Linnemeyer
Lüxmann
Meltebrink
Mentrup
Meyer zu Bergte
Meyer zu Gellenbeck
Meyer zu Mecklendorf
Meyer zu Natrup
Meyer zu Spelbrink
Niehenke
Niemann
Niemeyer
Nollmann
Nostheide
Otte

Plantholt
Plogmann
Pötter
Rethmann
Rotert
Rutemeyer
Schulte to Brinke
Spiekerwerth
Strahmann
Sudendorf
Tiemann
Völler, Mentrup
Volmer
Voß
Voßmann
Wacker
Warnsmann
Wellmann
Westenberg
Wibbelsmann
Wilxmann
Winter
Witte
Wördemann
Wortmann

Fall Conference

It's never too late to start thinking about your fall calendar. Make a note today for October 11, 2003 for the Ohio-Indiana Fall Conference.

The Pal-Am conference will be held in VanWert, Ohio at the Eagles Lodge on Fox Road. It should be a very informative day for getting new and the latest ideas on researching your ancestors. The theme will be *Westward...Ahoy there!* Curt Witcher, from the Ft. Wayne, Allen County Library will be just one of several guest speakers.

Check Out this Website

I found a site that is really a wonderful work in progress. I think all interested in researching Ohio families should give this site a once over. The site listed here is really great. Hope some of you enjoy it, as much as I and maybe someone will find a missing piece. Go to <http://www.scioto.org/OHGenWeb/>

Did You Know

There are copyright laws for obituaries. Check out the following:

+ You cannot reprint or redistribute obituaries published after December 31, 1922 *UNLESS*:

1. You were the original author of the obituary
2. The newspaper in question grants permission to reprint the obituary
3. The obituary is that of a family member (you must give the relation.
4. You submit an abstract of your obituaries. A good abstract might give the paper's name, name of deceased, age, date of death, and date that the obituary appears in the paper.

Obituaries prior to January 1, 1923 are not subject to these copyright laws.

Ohio HB 95

House Bill 95 does not exclude vital records from what are defined as public records. There are many other ways to keep uncertified photocopies available to the public, including setting a statutory fee (perhaps at \$1 per page) or setting the fee at a percentage of the certified fee. The full text of Ohio HB95 can be found

<http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BiliText125/125>

HB 95 PH N.html It is a very large page. Use your Internet browser to find 3705.22

(3705.24 immediately follows.)The bill has passed the House, and has been forwarded to the Senate, where the Finance and Financial Institutions Committee is hearing testimony. Links to contact information for the members of the Ohio Senate can be found

http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/by_name.html
Members of the Finance and Financial Institutions Committee are:

Bill Harris, Chair	Eric Fingerhut
Randy Gardner	Mark Mallory
Ron Amstutz	James Carnes
Jay Hottinger	Jeff Jacobson
Mark Mallory	David Goodman
Louis Blessing	John Carey
Randy Gardner	

creates a "certification of birth, " which does not require the parents' names to be listed

In addition, the certified copy is not required to be a photocopy of the record. Unlike other states where the threat to vital records access is based on fears about identity theft and homeland security, the Ohio legislature is doing this under the guise of "fiscal responsibility." Although nobody has been able to get someone to speak on the record, my sources at the Ohio Historical Society tell me that they have heard from the State Vital Statistics officials, who say that they cannot afford to process uncertified copies. (Because the way the open records law is written, agencies must charge "at cost," which cannot include the cost of labor or any overhead, such as maintenance and preservation of the record.)

Ohio has had a long tradition of open records. The Ohio Revised Code section 149.43 requires that". all public records shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Subject to division (B)(4) of this section, upon request, a public office or person responsible for public records shall make copies available at cost, within a reasonable period of time. In order to facilitate broader access to public records, public offices shall maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection in accordance with this division."

Geanology Puzzle Family History

National Pal-Am Library Library Hours

Wednesdays 12:30 pm. - 4:00 pm

1st Saturdays 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

3rd Fridays 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Closed - Sundays & Holidays

Open by appointment most weekends.



Always call before you visit the Library! The Librarian and volunteers make up the support staff. The Librarian and staff are available to assist you during your visit.

While driving in Columbus take I-71 to Weber Road, get off at exit (# 113) Turn WEST at Weber Road just past the Speedway Gas Station turn left into our parking lot at 611 East Weber Road the library is a two story, brick building, with a green awning over the doorway, Enter through the EAST doorway.

Items Price List Effective October 1, 2001

- Merle Baker.....2.50
- Central Migration Routes Contest Booklet 1993...\$2.50 aa
- Beginning Genealogy: Start It Right!
by Dr. A. F. Johnson \$5.50
- The Very Basics of German Genealogy by K. Smith..... \$5.50
- Germans Into & Out of Ohio Before 1850
by Ernest Thode \$4.50
- Beginning Genealogy: Start It Right; by Dr. Arta F. Johnson.....\$5.50
- Beginning Genealogy Paths & Pitfalls by Leen Marine.....\$6.50
- 1999 Ohio National Conference Syllabus \$6.50
- 1999 National Conference Logo Sale Items Sweat Shirts - S,M,L,XL in gray only w/logo on front include size with order.....\$10.50
- Tee Shirts - S,M,L,XL in white only w/logo on front include size with order.....\$10.50
- Tote Bag with PAL-AM Ship Logo: a Clipper Ship: * New Items a Large Boat Tote: 17"x16"x4", w/pocket & panel zipper, natural top & pocket w/black base, hand sewn 25" black handles.....\$15.50
- Shoulder Tote: 16"x14.½"x3", natural w/25" handles, Clipper Ship plus Palatines to America in script.....\$10.50
- 1999 Conference Logo: Clipper Ship/German-American Flags Flat Tote 14" x 14", natural w/13" handle.....\$10.50

All prices are postpaid
Ohio Residents only Sales Tax of 5.75%
Attention Central Ohio Members:

The Palatine Library and Headquarters Office in Columbus is still in need of volunteers. We need volunteers to help process books (stamp and attach labels, etc.), stuff envelopes, etc. We also need Library hosts and co-hosts --- could you work a four-hour shift the occasional

(negotiable dates) Wednesday, Saturday or Friday during the new membership year? We also need someone to come in two to four times a month to dust, vacuum, water plants, empty trash, etc. Complete training provided for all tasks. Contact Ann or Martha at 614-267-4700 for more information.

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check off items wanted

Dr. Arta F. Johnson Publications For German-American Research

- Aids for Research in Europe: Germany: Bibliography, Source Materials, Emigration, Immigration, Research Aids & Maps, Published in 1988 with some items out of date\$3.50
- Migrations West & Backtracking East: With Merlin C & Eva M. Finnell, Two articles, maps, book lists.....\$5.50
- A People of the Palatinate (revised edition) A background book: what it was like in the German villages 1616-1815.....\$5.50
- Begin With The Beeswiggers Sloshwines & Worse
two volumes, sold as a set only. A hilarious spoof on genealogy in general & German ancestry in particular.....\$10.50
- The Origins, Development & Meanings of German Names
Given names, nicknames, surnames.....\$8.50
- A How To Read German Church Records Without Knowing Much German: Patterns of records, vocabularies, examples of script.....\$5.50
- A Guide to The Spelling & Pronunciation of German Names: How to arrive at the German spelling of misspelled and garbled personal names, surnames, place names\$8.50

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Upcoming Events

May 3, 2003 - NY Chapter, Spring Conference, New Paltz, Ulster County
May 18-25 - Fifth Annual Genealogical Expedition to the FHL, Utah
May 28-31 National Genealogical Society Annual Conference Pittsburgh, PA
Jun 12 - Berks County Genealogical Society, Annual Dinner
Jun 15-30 - Adventure in Germany Tour www.eurofocus.com
Jun 19-21 2003 - Palatines to America National Conference Columbus, OH
Aug 10-25 - Adventure in Germany Tour
Aug 2003 - Membership Renewals for year 2003/2004 begin.
Aug 26-Sep 10 - Adventure in Germany Tour www.eurofocus.com
Sep 13 - Frankenfield Family Reunion, Coopersburg, PA
Sep 23-Oct 7 - European Heritage Tour, www.eurofocus.com
Sep 27 - Pennsylvania Chapter, Fall Conference, Holland, PA
Sept 2003 - Memberships Expire September 31.
Oct 4, 2003 - Meeting New York Chapter
Oct 11, 2003 - Ohio/Indiana Fall Conference, Van Wert, OH
Oct 24-25 - Colorado Chapter, Annual Dinner and Fall Workshop
Jun 23-26 2004 - Palatines to America National Conference, Albany, NY

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